

AJ Staniszewski

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Bilingual educational leader with 16 years experience serving underrepresented populations with a commitment to building a positive, trusting culture within each system. With 300+ staff members and more than 3,000 students, my approach has been to educate them, support them, love them, and provide them with choices to better their futures. I am caring, empathetic, and motivate through servant leadership. My goal is to lift up every organization and the communities they serve, from within.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Alverno College 2021–23

EdD in K–12 Educational Leadership, Superintendent Endorsement

- Degree to be conferred December 2023
- Dissertation Topic: How Leaders Create Conditions Critical to Educator Success and Conducive to Student Learning

University of Denver, Morgridge College of Education 2012–14

Executive Leadership for Successful Schools Program

- M.A. in Educational Leadership and Policy
- Principal Licensure

University of Colorado–Denver 2010–11

- English Language Acquisition Teacher Courses

Metropolitan State University 2008–09

- Teacher in Residence Program
- Earned President's Honor Roll

University of Michigan 2004–07

- Bachelor of Arts
- Major: Spanish, Minor: Earth Sciences
- Earned University Honors

RELEVANT TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Greenwood Academy, Denver, CO

- Principal's Intern (2012–2013)
- Teacher Leader: Data Strand (2012–2013)
- Sixth Grade Teacher, English Language Acquisition– English, Science and Social Studies (2012–2013)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Consultant September 2023–Present University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA (Remote) Partnership for Leaders in Education (PLE)

- Serve as a thought partner with school principals to explore updates and progress on their 90-day plans, support and guide next steps

Director 2020–Present Global Intermediate Academy, Mapleton Public Schools, Denver, CO

- Sole principal representative for the district during teacher's union contract negotiations in 2023
- Contributed to design, planning, and development of new intermediate school building, serving as educational programming expert on the Owners, Architects, and Contractors meetings and furniture committee
- Opened new intermediate school building and implemented COVID-19 safety protocols for in-person learning
- Designed Administrator Evaluation Instrument for Directors
- Participating in University of Virginia's Partnership for Leaders in Education for transformational leadership and to implement 90-day plans and Paul Bambrick-Santoyo's data driven instruction
- Founded first chapter of National Junior Honor Society in Mapleton
- Nominated for Administrator of the Year in 2021

Director 2015–2020 Global Primary Academy Mapleton Public Schools, Denver, CO

- Evaluated licensed and classified staff and ensured implementation of instructional infrastructure
- Managed school-based budget, work orders, and custodial team
- Contributed to design, planning, and development of new primary school building, serving as educational programming expert on the Owners, Architects, and Contractors meetings and furniture committee
- Opened new school building in second year as a Director
- Led school from Turnaround Status to Performance Plan in two years
- Achieved IB World School authorization in 2019
- Awarded Administrator Rookie of the Year with 10 nominations

Assistant Director 2014–2015 Global Leadership Academy Mapleton Public Schools, Denver, CO

- Instituted data team process for K–6 grade levels to create learning targets and progress monitor student learning on those targets
- Created new Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support systems

Administrative Teacher on Special Assignment 2013–2014 Altura Elementary Aurora Public Schools, Aurora, CO

- Led Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support systems to establish accountability and support for students and families
- Served as internal coach for Colorado Reading Corps

Greenwood ECE–8 School, Denver, CO

- Tutor, Each One Teach One (2012)
- Data Team Teacher Leader (2011–2012)
- Second Grade Teacher, English Language Acquisition – English and Spanish, Math and Science (2009 –2012)
- Kindergarten Teacher, English Language Acquisition – English and Spanish (2008–2009)